

## Objectives

The project goals aim to fill the service gaps in the anti-gang strategy:

- Ensure that all law enforcement offices, schools and others involved with juveniles have current information on gang activities thereby enfolded them in the countywide strategy to address gangs.
- Reduce youth participation in gangs through enhanced prevention and intervention strategies such as Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) and provide more out-of-school opportunities for youth. This strategy will require a large resources development campaign.

## Accomplishments

Gang Coordinator, Cpl. Raymond Barrios, and the Division Commander, Captain Charles Gardner, have made 16 gang awareness presentations in churches and schools, reaching over 500 adults and 200 children. Further presentations have been given to county offices and civic organizations.

The gang coordinator and two school resource officers have been sent to GangNet and Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) classes. These officers have started GREAT in the county middle and elementary schools. Kathy Hodges, Family Violence Rape Crisis, Co-Executive Director, observed:

*“It was really important to get this information out to the community through our conference and I know that most people who attended were stunned by the extent of the problem. Family Violence Rape Crisis will continue to support the efforts of the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office and their gang unit in ending gang violence.”*